

KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03-17

APPROVING AN OPERATIONS PLAN FOR THE GOVERNOR'S DROUGHT RESPONSE TEAM

WHEREAS, the Kansas Emergency Management Act (K.S.A. 48-901 *et seq.*) states that the Governor shall be responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters, including drought; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Water Office is charged by statute (K.S.A. 74-2608), with advising the Governor when drought conditions exist within the state and with recommending assembly of the Governor's Drought Response Team; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Emergency Management Act authorizes the Governor, when advised that drought conditions exist within the state, to declare by proclamation that a state of drought exists; and

WHEREAS, there is no statutory or regulatory guidance regarding the operations of the Governor's Drought Response Team; and

WHEREAS, such guidance is needed to ensure that the State of Kansas responds in a timely and appropriate manner to the impacts of drought upon its people, resources and the environment;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby:

1. approve the Operations Plan for the Governor's Drought Response Team, and
2. order implementation of this Operations Plan by the various state agency members of the Governor's Drought Response Team as stated in the Operations Plan.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 03-17 and shall become effective immediately.

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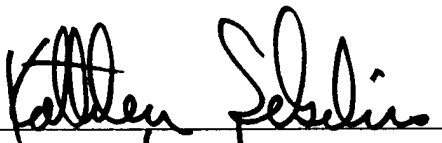
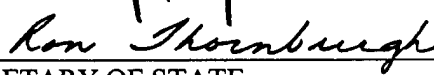
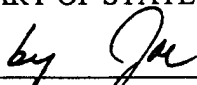
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